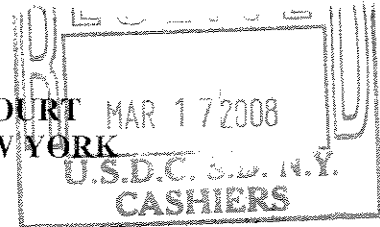


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HARRY DOUGLAS,

Plaintiff,

- against -

RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

PROTECTIVE LIFE AND ANNUITY
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

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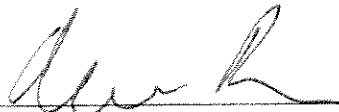
Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for defendant Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company certifies that the following corporate parent of defendant is a publicly held company:

1. Protective Life Corporation, 2801 Highway 280 South Birmingham, Alabama 35223.

Dated: New York, New York
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Yours, etc.,

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AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE

I, MIKHAIL RATNER, ESQ., attorney for defendant Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company, hereby affirm that I am duly authorized to make this affirmation; that on the 17th day of March, 2008, I caused a copy of the foregoing Rule 7.1 Statement to be by hand to the attorney for plaintiff, Harry Douglas:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mikhail Ratner', is written above a horizontal line.

MIKHAIL RATNER